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**METHOD OF FORTIFYING SEEDS WITH AN ESSENTIAL FATTY ACID,
FORTIFIED SEEDS AND FOOD PRODUCT**

the specification of which

(check one) ☒ is attached hereto.

___ was filed on _____
as U.S. Application Serial No. _____.
___ was filed on _____
as PCT International Application No. _____

and (if applicable) was amended on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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- (1) It establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim; or
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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 United States Code, § 119 and/or § 365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me or my assignee disclosing the subject matter claimed in this application and having a filing date (1) before that of the application on which priority is claimed, or (2) if no priority claimed, before the filing of this application:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u> (Day/Month/Year)	<u>Date First</u> <u>Laid-open or</u> <u>Published</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Patented or</u> <u>Granted</u>	<u>Priority</u> <u>Claimed?</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed if each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which became available between the

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PRIOR U.S. OR PCT APPLICATIONS)

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date (day/month/year)</u>	<u>Status (pending, abandoned, granted)</u>
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like s made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States 4e and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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